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Mr. Steven L. Sanders Remedial Project Manager U.S. EPA, Region VII 726 Minnesota Avenue Kansas City, KS 66101

RE: Syntex Verona Facility - Comments on Summary of OU2 Monitoring

Dear Mr. Sanders:

I have received and reviewed Summary of OU2 Monitoring - November 1997, submitted by Syntex Agribusiness, Inc., for the Verona Remediation site. In general, I found the report to be adequate. However, I think including performance/compliance standards for the various analytes in the tables would make the report more informative and user friendly.

After noting the analytical reports from the various samples, I have two questions.

- 1. Why was the detection limit for Hexachlorophene elevated for MW-04 Primary Set 2 (sample #971105)?
- 2. Is there an explanation for the high chromium concentrations in IS-6, and MW-4, Primary 1 Sets (Sample #971102 and #971105) and MW-06, Duplicate 1 Set 1 (Sample #971408)? What is the performance standard for chromium?

If you would like to discuss these questions or other issues about the site, please contact me at (573) 751-8629.

Sincerely,

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